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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EMIN, WZ
SUBJECT: BARITE MINING IN SWAZILAND

REF: MBABANE 357

1. WILLIAM JORDAN RETURNED TO SWAZILAND ON MARCH 1 FOR AN INSPECTION OF CURRENTLY CLOSED DOWN BARITES MINE AND PROCESSING PLANT AND GEOLOGICAL FORMATION IN SURROUNDING AREA. JORDAN BROUGHT WITH HIM A SOUTH AFRICAN PROCESSING EXPERT. INSPECTION WAS MADE IN COMPANY OF SENIOR GOS GEOLOGIST AND CHIEF MINE INSPECTOR.

2. JORDAN IS DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN TAKING OVER THE MINING OPERATION AND IS NOW WILLING ALSO TO RENOVATE AND EXPAND THE PROCESSING PLANT. HIS PRELIMINARY EXTIMATE IS THAT THIS WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF SIX MONTHS AND AT LEAST \$150,000.

3. JORDAN HAS PROMISED THE GOS A FEASIBILITY STUDY IN A FEW WEEKS. HE INTENDS TO FORM HIS OWN COMPANY, DRILCHEM
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PTY. LTD. TO OPERATE THE MINE AND PLANT.

4. DIRECTOR OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND MINES, ALLEN DLAMINI TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE IS ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK RSA COMPANY -- JOHANNESBURG CONSOLIDATED INDUSTRIES -- FROM ACQUIRING MINE. HE IS AFRIAD THAT THEY ARE MRELY ENTREPRENEURS SEEKING A QUICK PROFIT AND WILL

NOT BE RELIABLE PRODUCERS. ALSO, AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL,
THEY HAVE NO MINING EXPERIENCE.
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